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Letter from Mr. Weatherston.

The following interesting letter from one of the founders of the Association has been deemed of sufficient interest to warrant the widest circulation. The EDITOR, of course, does not necessarily endorse the views of his correspondent.

A. M. MUIRHEAD, ESQ.,
President D. P. A.
Toronto.

Dear Sir:

I regret very much it will be impossible for me to reach Toronto in time for the meeting on Tuesday next, as I had a few suggestions to put before the members. I will enumerate them here however and look to you to acquaint our fellow members of same.

1st. Raise the annual fees to at least 50c, with an initiation fee of 50c. By doing so the Association can offer some benefits to the active collector. Fifty working members will do more for philately in Canada than hundreds of so-called stamp collectors. The life of the majority of cheap societies has been usually short, with trouble facing them right along. If you will refer to the old established clubs you will find that they give their members real benefits, assisting them by issuing and distributing essays on stamps of different countries, the knowledge the stamp collector should have. Our subscription is now only 25c per annum, well, if I write the Secretary, or other officers, once a month which is not very often, the whole of my annual fees is going to be used in postage! From the list of members I have perused I am sure none of them would object to raising the fees, especially now that the D. P. A. is ten years old, and should show a good surplus.

2nd. An official organ should be issued without delay even if it is just in the shape of a pamphlet giving an announcement as to how the Association is getting along. When the official organ is established it should be controlled by the D. P. A. and edited by an officer who is appointed for the purpose. It would not be necessary to issue any large publication, but let it contain a full list of new issues, forgeries, etc., even if the information had to be copied from other journals.

3rd. An effort should be made to get all old members to rejoin. I am sure a number of them have simply become disinterested, owing to the conditions which existed during the term of office held by our late secretary.

No doubt you appreciate the value of having members who are thoroughly reliable and I think full enquiries should be made regarding applicants; that is, outside of merely publishing their names. I know, as regards some of my experience

there are a great number of frauds who in some manner creep into stamp societies, and it is just this matter that should have our most careful attention.

Please dont think I am writing this to give advice to you all. It is just my peculiar way of suggesting things, and I am sorry I can't attend the meeting to more fully explain my ideas.

Wishing continual prosperity to the D. P. A. and with best regards to all, I am,

Yours sincerely,
W. S. WEATHERSTON.

A TIDAL WAVE

The revolt against the pretentions of Messrs. Ussher and Holmes.

At a special meeting of the D.P. A. held Sept. 9th, the following representative members wrote endorsing the action of Past President Young in declaring the election of July 1st as void, many of them having had no chance to vote, viz ; Messrs T. S. Fytcher, Victoria ; E L. Shove, A. R. Bytler, Osage ; J. S. Copper, Tiffin, Ohio ; H. A. Chapman, E. S. Martin, Omaha ; E. F. Wurtele, Quebec. Seldom was seen such a striking indictment revealed in letters from one end of the continent to the other of the late Secretary's manner of holding an election and of Mr. Holmes' indecent haste to seize the results of the same,

Mr. W. S. Weatherston, D. P. A. No. 2 and one of the founders of the Association writes a lengthy letter suggesting several measures of progress and concludes by wishing continued prosperity to the D. P. A.

Mr. J. S. Copper, Tiffin, Ohio, writes: "I am glad you gentlemen succeeded in securing my election as vice president in the United States. of the D. P. A. I assure you I appreciate your work and will do all in my power to put the Association on a firm basis"

Mr Ernest F. Wurtele, Quebec, late chairman of trustees, writes— "Congratulations upon your election as president of the D. P. A. From my previous knowledge of your energy I feel that the Society will recover its position."

Mr. John H. Jost, Halifax, N. S. writes "I have pleasure in accepting the position of Counterfeit Detector."

The Stamp Collectors' Club of Toronto, an organization of five years stan ing, and containing on its roll many members of the D. P. A., in regular meeting assembled adopted the following resolutions: That it is the sense of this club that the D.P.A. elections, returns of which were declared at London on the 1st of July 1903 was unconstitutional and illegal, thoroughly approves the action of Mr. W. W. Young, past president of the D. P. A., and hereby endorses the officers elected on Sept. 9th.

Further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mr. A. M. Muirhead, President of the D.P.A.

THE

Stamp Collector's Club

Meets every Tuesday evening in Room 8, Broadway Hall, 450 Spadina Ave., Toronto.

Joining Fee 10c Dues 15c monthly.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Donated by Toronto Members	$ 5 00
Dues received	30
	$ 5 30
Printing Circulars	$ 2 50
Postage	1 37
Cash on hand	1 43
	$ 5 30

On account of the late Secretary refusing to hand over the funds of the Association, an appeal was made to the Toronto members, who have generously come to our aid by subscribing $5.00 to the funds of the D, P. A.

G. A. LOWE,
Sec.-Treas.

Secretary's Report

NEW MEMBERS

720. F. W. Aurache, Cranbrook, B. C.
721. J. D. Cox, Upper Stewiacke, N: S.
722. J. Gettleson, Toledo, O.
723. F. W. Fisher, Toronto, Ont.
724: J. B. Ouellet, Arthabaskaville, P. Q.
725. R. Blandford, London, Ont.
726. H. P. Bock, London, Ont.
727. M. S. Dale, London, Ont.
728. R. E. Holmes, London, Ont.
729. A.G. Chisolm, London, Ont.
730. Wm.C. Benson, London Ont.

APPLICATIONS

W. S. Weatherston, Box 4852, Johannesburg, S.A., age 26, occupation Mnfrs. Agent, References: A. M. Muirhead, G. A. Lowe.

E. Y. Parker, 155 Dowling Ave. Toronto, Occupation Dealer, References: A. M. Muirhead, G. A. Lowe.

H. J. Fairhead, Yorkville Ave. Toronto, Occupation Lake Simcoe Supply Co., References A. M. Muirhead, G. A. Lowe.

Alfred Boultbee, 27 Isabella St. Toronto, Occupation Physician, References, A. M. Muirhead. G. A. Lowe.

W. E. Brown, 7 Ross St. Toronto, Age 50, Occupation Canada Life Ins. Co., References A. Harold Brown, G. A. Lowe,

D. L. MacMillan, 44 Maitland St. Toronto, Age 55, Occupation Mnf. Chemist, References D. P. Duggan, A. M. Muirhead.

Wilcox, Smith & Co., Stamp Merchants, Dunedin, N. Z,, References D. P. Duggan, A. M. Muirhead.

In accordance with the constitution, the above applications are now published. If no objection is received by me within two weeks from date, the applications will be considered accepted, and will appear in the next number of the Official Organ as such.

Dues for 1904 will be payable Jan. 1st, and members are asked to remit same promptly.

For application blanks and all information address.

GEORGE A. LOWE, Sec-Treas.
61 King St. West, Toronto.

Auction Manager's Report.

A. M. MUIRHEAD, Esq.,
President D. P. A.;

I am in receipt of your favor appointing me auction manager for the D. P. A., which office I am pleased to accept.

I have several lots already placed in my hands and would ask all members—especially foreign—interested in this department to forward me lots as soon as possible.

Wishing you and the D. P. A. every success,

I am, Yours truly,
CHAS. J. THOMAS,
18 Ottawa St., Toronto.

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A. M. MUIRHEAD,
PROPRIETOR.
43 Scott St , Toronto, Canada.

Our paper is issued, primarily, that this philatelic metropolis of Toronto may no longer remain unrepresented in the journalistic world. The exigencies, also, of the Dominion Philatelic Association demanded an official organ. While making no rash promises, the support promised him by the leading philatelists of Toronto leads the Editor to feel hopeful of placing valuable matter in the hands of his readers during the coming year. The space of this issue is very largely occupied with matter *a propos* the Dominion Philatelic Association, rendered necessary largely by the needs of the Association, and partly due to the short space of time at our command between the realization of the will to publish and the materialization of the venture in type.

That humorous Mr. Paxman, in the November "Stamp Sheet" contributes two columns of long primer on the subject of an alleged "amalgamation of the principal dealers of Canada," which he declares, is the newest thing talked of. Particulars are somewhat meagre but we glean that the capital is $100,000, divided into 50,000 shares of $2.00 each. Through courtesy of the Macaroni Wireless Telescope Co., however, we learn that books will close from February 30 to June 31. This is treasury stock, fully paid and non-assessable. A limited amount of stock is now offered for public subscription; after January 1st the price advances 100 percent. Five shares carries eligibility for directorship. Send for prospectus, copy of by-laws and subscription blank. All checks tendered for subscriptions must be marked. Application being make to list stock on the Hamilton stock exchange.

Very seriously, this whole-cloth invention of our esteemed contemporary is rich in suggestion; particularly the suggestion is forced upon us that the department yclept "The Leather Chair" be re-named "The Padded Cell."

A WARNING.

The undersigned, being the duly elected Secretary Treasurer of the Dominion Philatelic Association, hereby warns the members of the Association that all funds, dues and other revenues of the Association are payable to him, and that the Association is responsible only for funds so placed. Applications for membership are to be made to him, and none otherwise placed can be recognized, nor membership awarded thereon.

GEORGE A. LOWE,
Sec-Treas. D.P.A.
61 King St. West, Toronto.

The Dominion Philatelic Association.

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President's Address.

MEMBERS OF THE DOMINION PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

Since my election to the Presidency, a considerable amount of work has been done toward the regeneration of our society. On taking up their work, our officers found the Secretary's office in a demoralized condition, no funds on hand, and the late Secretary refusing to recognize the constitutional authority of the new regime. Nevertheless, the heavy expense incidental to the holding of an election was successfully met, and Mr. Lowe the new Sec.-Treas. reports his department in good working order.

In the department of Sales, also, a state of anarchy existed, but pressure was at once brought to bear, and, by the aid of the post-office Inspector, a settlement was had with the late Sales Supt. Since assuming his duties, our present Sales Supt., Mr. Duggan has thoroughly re-organized the functions of his department, and this very important part of the Association's usefulness is now in full operation. The following vacancies have been filled by appointment, as specified in Constitution, viz: Auction Manager, Mr. C. J. Thomas, 18 Ottawa St., Toronto: Librarian Mr. R. F. Wrigley, Toronto; Sales Supt. Mr. D. P. Duggan, 146 Duke St., Toronto. The filling of other vacancies is witheld for the present.

The harmony of our Society may to some slight extent and for a short time be disturbed by the claims of Mr. Holmes of London, Ont., and those of his friends, but to such a degree of order have the functions of the Association been reduced since the too-long delayed closure of Mr. Ussher's regime, that we feel but little anxiety is warranted and that our membership can be in no sense divided.

Claims against late Secretary Ussher have been many since he left for parts unknown. The matter is being got into shape for disposal by the authorities.

The Sales Supt., Mr. Duggan has brought to my notice that Mr. L. S. Holmes, London, Ont., has been endeavoring to disturb the functions of the Sales Dept., circulating reports to the effect that Mr. Duggan had declined to serve. I have written Mr. Holmes enjoining him from interfering with the splendid service the Sales Dept. is now giving the members.

Yours faithfully,
A. M. MUIRHEAD,
President.

Report of Retiring Auction Manager.

June 30, 03

To the president and members of the Dominion Philatelic Associ'n.

Gentlemen :— I beg to submit herewith my report for the current year.

Total number of sales	8	
Total number of lots offered.	5 79	
Total number lots sold	1 63	
Net value of lots sold	$ 41 59	
Commission on above 10%	3 95	
Less amount held by Mr. Holmes re London sale	32	= $ 3 63
Expenditures as per cash Book.		3 08
Balance on hand		55

There was no commission charged on lots 475-490 inclusive, these having been offered by the Society netting $3.00.

Respectfully submitted,
W. A. PETRIE,
Auc. Mgr.

To the Members of D. P. A.,

As two months have now passed by since I was appointed as your Sales Supt., I may say that I have not been idle. It has taken nearly all of that time to get the department into shape as I had practically nothing to begin with. I heartily thank the members who replied to my personal letter, also the members who had confidence enough in me to send in books for circulation, with your kind co-operation I will soon have the department fulfilling its mission. To the members inquiring for blank approval books, your own books will do for the present, provided they conform with the regulations as to size, and the total amount of the book must not be less than four dollars. I have two circuits out now and would like to get sufficient names for two more. Your name and address on a post card will be sufficient. Your kind attention is asked to the following:

18 books in circulation valued at		$115.42
12 " uncirculated	" "	127.27
Total.....		$242.69

Yours truly,
D. P. DUGGAN, Sup't.

Toronto, Sept. 24, 03.

MR. A. M. MUIRHEAD,
President D. P. A.

Dear Sir:—I accept with pleasure the office of sales superintendent of the Dominion Philatelic Association you are pleased to confer upon me and I shall strive to merit the continual confidence of yourself and the members by working for the best interests of all.

Yours very truly
D. P. DUGGAN.

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B. 2	" Special Delivery	4	
B. 3	" 1, 2, 5, 7 nnd 10 King's Hd.	5	
B. 4	" 5c King's Head	10	
B. 5	" 7c "	10	
B. 6	" 7c Queen's Head	10	
B. 7	" 5c Registers	18	
B. 8	Set Ecuador Jubilee	7	Reserve 32c
B. 9	Ass'd British Colonies	100	(Cat. ($1.50)
B. 10	Album, val. $1.50		Reserve 75c
B. 11	Album val. 75c		" 40c
B. 12	Album, val. $1.50 containing 400 var. stamps cat. $6.00		" $3.00
B. e3	N. S. W. Perf O.S.	10	
B. 14	Roumania Ass'd	15	
B. 15	England 1d imperf	50	
B. 16	Canada ½ Numeral	50	Reserve 16c
B. 17	" 2c purple Numeral	100	" 5c
B. 18	" 5c Numeral	100	" 20c
B. 19	" 10c "	5	" 15c
B. 20	" 20c Maps	50	" 22c
B. 21	" 3c Before Jubilee	500	" 10c
B. 22	U.S. 2c Columbian	100	" 5c
B. 23	U.S. 2c Pan-American	100	" 7c
B. 24	Canada Bill 7c 1st issue	1	" 10c
B. 25	Japan 15 sen cat $1.50	1	" 18c
B. 26	P.E.I. 9d off centre cat. $1.00	1	" 22c

Members are requested to forward at once lots intended for January Sale.

CHAS. J. THOMAS, Auction Manager.

18 Ottawa St., Toronto, Ont.

A Grecian Oddity.

In our possession is a stamp of Greece which is remarkable for being on Laid Paper. The regular issue of which this appears to be a variant is Scott number 6, 80 lepta, first issue. A search of catalogues and lists has so far failed to reveal mention of any Grecian issues on laid. The stamp has been referred to leading dealers and collectors of Toronto, who have been unable to throw any light upon the oddity.

The specimen is in good condition, well margined, lightly cancelled and the parallel lines of laid paper show quite unmistakably. If any of our readers can offer any information in regard to this stamp in the condition mentioned, the Editor would be obliged if they would address him.

Sale and Exchange.

A 25 word notice for 10c, additional words half-cent each. Three insertions for the price of two.

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Mr. John Ely, Eglinton, wishes all collectors a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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